relief expenditure by States affected by natural calamities and suggest such modifications as it considers appropriate in the existing arrangements for the period 1989-90 to 1994-95. However, so far as the current year is concerned, Planning Commission and Department of Rural Development examined the matter relating to relaxation of guidelines under N.R.E.P. and R.L.E.G.P. so that more funds may be made available for taking up additional schemes in the flood affected areas of the States of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir considering severity of floods.

Foreign exchange expenses by Indian Express on Medical Treatment of Shrimati Ganeriwal

2459. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a sum of Rs. 6,81,312 and Rs. 1,28,292.00 were debited to M/s. Indian Express (M) Private Limited, Madras, towards foreign exchange and air ticket as medical expenses of Shrimati Ganeriwal who met with a car accident on 10th March, 1985;

(b) if so, what is the legitimacy of these expenses;

(c) whether the company has taken insurance claim amount and credited it to the Company; and

(d) what are the details of these expenses and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Article captioned "Goenka's foreign funds"

2460. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in Blitz of the 12th September, 1987 under the heading "Goenka's foreign funds" to the effect that the Chairman of Indian Express Group of Papers had arranged a Swiss Bank guarantee for £.3,45,000 in favour of Linotype of London which represents 15 per cent of the contract price;

(b) if so, whether any Indian residing in India is permitted to obtain guarantee for his business from a foreign bank abroad;

(c) whether it is a fact that no Swiss Bank could give a guarantee unless the man concerned is its client; and

(d) if so, whether Shri R. N. Goenka has any Swiss Bank account or made any FERA violation and what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Enforcement Directorate has initiated investigations in respect of the reported arrangements of Swiss bank guarantee by Indian Express Group of Papers in favour of Linotype of London.

Filling of income tax returns by Chairman, Indian Express Group

2461. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2354

given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Chairman of Indian Express Group, Shri R. N. Goenka has since filed the returns for the years 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) whether Government have given notice to the Group's Chairman for filing the income-tax returns for 1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(c) if so, what are the details of action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Shri R. N. Goenka has not filed his returns for the assessment years 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(b) and (c) Notices under the relevant provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, have already been issued for filing of returns for the assessment years 1987-88 and 1988-89. The matter relating to filing of the returns is being pursued by the assessing Officer.

Disposal of residual assets of DMT plant by Bombay Dyeing

2462. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3905 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay Dyeing has already remitted over Rs. 2 crores in foreign exchange for the residual assets of D.M.T. Plant, but the Plant has not been brought to India; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take when it involves FERA violations of over Rs. 2 crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Bombay Dyeing submitted a proposal in December, 1985 for disposal of residual assets of DMT Plant and write off its value estimated at $ 506,000. The request of the Company is under consideration of Reserve Bank of India/Ministry of Finance on the grounds that the cost of dismantling charges and freight etc. is much more than the cost of the equipments no longer required by the Company.

Delhi Traffic Police decisions

2463. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that every day unilateral rules are being made and decisions are being given by the Delhi Traffic Police which are resulting in more chaos, lawlessness and accidents;

(b) whether Government are aware that the main beneficiaries of these rules and decisions are private hospitals and car garages; and

(c) whether Police are profiting through the imposition of fines and also by permitting private hawkers to occupy spaces orginally used by vehicles for parking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Delhi Traffic Police takes various decisions on the basis of scientific advice of expert bodies like Central Road Research Institute, National Transportation Planning and Research Centre etc. Moreover, while taking decisions, the larger interest of road users and road safety is kept in view. Initially most of the decisions are implemented on trial basis to assess their feasibility before finalsation.

(c) No, Sir.